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SUBJ: US CUSTOMS CCINC PROGRAM

1. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH CONGEN OFFICER, SENIOR TURKISH CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DESCRIBED TURKISH NEED FOR TWO FAST PATROL BOATS FOR USE IN ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES IN ISTANBUL/ MARMARA REGION. HE NOTED THAT FOREIGN BOATS CANNOT BE IMPORTED INTO TURKEY UNDER EXISTING LAWS EXCEPT UNDER A FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. ACCORDING TO TURKISH OFFICIAL THIS NEED DISCUSSED WITH US CUSTOMS OFFICIAL IN JULY VISIT TO TURKEY. LATTER REPORTEDLY SAID THAT US SOMETIMES HAS ABILITY TO PROVIDE ITEMS SUCH AS BOATS TO COUNTRIES WHOSE CUSTOMS SERVICE ARE ACTIVELY AND EFFECTIVELY ENGAGED IN NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT AND OFFERED TO LOOK INTO THIS POSSIBILITY IN WASHINGTON.

2. ISTANBUL CUSTOMS HAS A NEED, ACCORDING TO THIS OFFICIAL, FOR FAST PATROL BOATS AND HAS RECEIVED BUDGET OF TWO MILLION TURKISH LIRAS THIS FISCAL YEAR TO BEGIN BOAT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. IT HAS ALSO CONDUCTED DISCUSSIONS ON COLLABORATIVE VENTURE FOR DESIGN WITH FOREIGN BOAT BUILDERS, INCLUDING BERTRAM OF US. SINCE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO MATERIALIZE, TURKISH CUSTOMS IS INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT WHETHER THERE IS ANY WAY TO ACQUIRE SOME FAST PATROL BOATS UNDER AN AID PROGRAM TO REDUCE WAITING PERIOD ANTICIPATED TO CONSTRUCT BOATS IN TURKEY.

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